Banning aspirin for children

1556. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has decided to ban the use of aspirin for children below 12 years of age;

(b) whether this decision has been taken in the light of the Central Government decision to curb the use of this drug; if so, the details thereof and

(c) what are the reasons leading to such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The reports has been received on the reported adverse interactions of Aspirin in children suffering from viral fever, namely, Reye's Syndrome. These findings had emanated from countries abroad. The exact cause-effect relationship between intake of Aspirin and Salicylates and causation of Rey's Syndrome is, however, not established.

In the light of the reported side effects, the Government has already directed the drug manufacturers marketing Aspirin and other Salicylate preparations in the country to incorporate a box warning "NOT TO BE USED IN CHILDREN BELOW 12 YEARS OF AGE EXCEPT UNDER MEDICAL ADVICE" on the carton and strip-pack.

In pursuance of this decision the State Drug Control Authorities including Delhi Drug Control Administration has issued directive to the drug manufacturers in their respective States marketing Aspirin and other Salicylate preparation to incorporate the above box warning.

National export committee on women prisoners

1557. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Expert Committee on women prisoners has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE *DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN* AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Abortions by quacks

1558. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of large number of mishaps caused due to unauthorised undercover abortions by quacks in Delhi;

(b) what is the number of deaths in Delhi; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Unauthorised illegal abortions take place secretly, hence no official data is available on this matter. Certain cases of this nature came to notice of local hospital authorities.